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## R R Annuity Increased

A bill increasing most railroad retirement annuities by 20 percent has been enacted into law. The increase is retroactive to September 1, the same effective date as for the recently enacted increase in social security benefits.

About three-fourths of the annuitants on the rolls of the Railroad Retirement Board will receive this increase. The raises for the remainder were provided as a result of the earlier social security legislation. Most annuitants began receiving their increased payments on November 1.

This increase, like the 15 percent and 10 percent railroad retirement increases in the two preceding years, is a temporary one. All three increases are scheduled to end June 30, 1973. The new law states that the policy of Congress is for these increases to be made permanent only if adequate financing for them is provided.

The Commission on Railroad Retirement has recommended that a plan be submitted to Congress to make the railroad retirement system financially solvent based on sound actuarial projections. The plan is to be submitted to Congress by March 1, 1973.

## On the Cover

Apples by the thousands arrived at Delta from North Carolina in refrigerated hopper cars where they are to be processed for consumer use. View is inside one of the three hopper bins. More about apples on Page 12.

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Things are pretty well evened up in this world. Other people's troubles are not as bad as yours, but their children are a lot worse.

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## Hey Dad!

Are you interested in a hobby with your son, daughter, wife or just yourself? Model railroading could be the answer.

To get started, Kalmbach has released an extensively revised second edition, designed to update the building techniques of building an H O layout. The revision of "H O Railroad That Grows" was done by the book's original author, Linn Westcott, editor of Model Railroader.

The purpose of the book provides the technique for final completion of a model railroad in eight simple steps that allows the modeler to spread construction pleasure over a longer period. After each step, the railroad has a finished appearance and is ready to operate.

H O Railroad That Grows retails for \$2 and is available at hobby and book stores. In Denver, at Caboose Hobbies, 610 15th St., 80202, or from Kalmbach Publishing Co., 1027 N. Seventh St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53233.

## R G I Earnings On the Upswing

Net income for the nine months ended September 30 was 5 per cent higher than that for the same period in 1971, on a gain of one per cent in operating revenues.

Operating revenues for 1972 were \$93,920,000 compared to \$92,727,000 for 1971. Other revenues were \$9,483,000 an increase of \$214,000 over the same period last year. Net income after Federal income tax amounted to \$11,037,000 for 1972 compared to \$10,541,000 for 1971.

Third quarter revenues were three per cent less than those in 1971 when greater than normal or expected rail traffic resulted from a strike against certain railroads in July and August, and from abnormally large shipments of coal made in anticipation of a coal strike in October.

It is anticipated that the fourth quarter and the full year will both show increases over 1971.

*Our forefathers did without sugar until the 13th century, without coal fires until the 14th century, without buttered bread until the 15th century, without potatoes until the 16th century, without coffee and tea and soap until the 17th century, without pudding until the*

## Tables Are Turned On Ted Urban

John Theodore Urban, who has been master of ceremonies for many who retired from the Rio Grande, was on the receiving end when his "time had come" to leave the railroad on October 20.

Held in high esteem by his fellow-workers wasn't a coincidence having been born in the high country of Leadville, 10,152 elevation. As Ted would say, "It was on his birthday." He attended school at Canon City and moved to Denver where he worked for various firms from 1925 to 1929. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for a couple of months in 1928 in the chief dispatcher's office as a steno-clerk.

Upon returning to Denver in 1929, he was offered a temporary job for two weeks with the D&SL Railroad, which he knew very little about, that began a 43-year railroad career. He recalls working three days in the offices and three days in the freight house when he started, long hours, too. It wasn't long until he transferred to steno-clerk in the President's Office.

Ted joined the Rio Grande as a steno in the General Manager's Office in 1939. Other positions held by him were secretary to general manager, chief clerk to general manager, and chief clerk to vice president and general manager. He was appointed assistant to vice president and general manager on March 1, 1956; special assistant-Executive Dept. on Feb. 16, 1961; and on April 16, 1962, he was appointed assistant to vice president-Operations, a position he filled until his retirement.

Ted claims he should receive a medal for his work in the General Manager's Office, having been associated with E. A. West, Al Perlman, K. L. Moriarity, G. B. Aydelott (now president), L. H. Hale, Jack Ayer and W. J. Holtman.

Fellow workers were on hand to bid him a fond adieu on Oct. 20, his last day at the office.

Several trips are planned for the future including such places south of the border and the Virgin Isles before settling down to whatever the future may hold.

God speed and best wishes for a long and happy retirement are the thoughts of all.

*18th century, without gas and matches and electricity until the 19th century, and we have had automobiles for only a few years.*

*Now, what was it you were complaining about?*



Rio Grande



# 7-Million Allocated for 1973 Improvements

A \$7 million improvement program for 1973 was announced by Rio Grande officials.

Heading the list of improvements will be 55 miles of new rail, 33 of which will be welded and 22 miles of jointed rail. The new rail will be 136-pound rail. Rail removed will be used to upgrade lesser used branch lines.

Also included in the improvement program will be the installation of double rail lubricators; eight bridges will be replaced or upgraded; 22 culverts will be replaced or modified; tunnel No. 5 near Plain will be lengthened to prevent debris falling on track during wet weather; additional yard track and sidings at several locations will be constructed to handle additional business and industries; a facility for cleaning perlite cars at Antonito.

Glenwood Canyon will have new double tiered slide fences installed; additional switch heaters and dragging equipment detectors to be installed at various points on the system; dispatcher's phone lines will be upgraded with

hard drawn copper wire, a new speaker system for the Pueblo yard.

A new radio communication system at Moffat Tunnel to provide end-to-end communication which is part of the continuing program to provide communication on all segments of the railroad.

Maintenance of Way will receive new track machines and motor cars to replace those now in use. Locomotive fueling and service areas are to be renovated. Several new machines for the Burnham shops and a side boom bulldozer for off-track work will complete the program.

## Ten New Locomotives Scheduled for Delivery



*TEN NEW LOCOMOTIVES, GP40-2's, are scheduled for delivery to the Rio Grande during the month of December. The 3,000 horsepower locomotives, designed for high reliability with simplified maintenance, are manufactured by Electro-Motive Division of General Motors. These locomotives will have the latest improvements in modular controls and will be comparable to those received earlier in the year.*

## Key Men for Safety

The Key Man Safety Development Program adopted by the Rio Grande during the past year is designed to improve the accident prevention efficiency of supervisors and foremen. It enables them to make safety an integral part of their supervisory roles. There are three phases to the program taught by qualified instructors.

**The Development Course** offers 12 hours of concentrated study in the fundamentals of supervision where they learn accident investigation, safety instruction, employe health and moral, personal protective clothing, materials handling, industrial housekeeping, fire prevention and loss control.

**The Follow Up Service** helps to keep the supervisor up-to-date in accident prevention after completing the development course.

**The Key Man Award Plan** is a standardized, nation-wide method for supervisory safety recognition.

Each supervisor who earns the award receives a certificate bearing his name and the number of years for which he is receiving it.

The following have completed the Key Man Safety Course:

### Maintenance of Way Department

John Barnes, Earl Curtis, R. E. "Bob" Davis, W. J. Gill, J. Johnson, H. V. Meek, H. T. Sothman, M. G. Stanley, and E. E. Stephens.

### Mechanical Dept.

George Bauer, R. E. Elston, R. R. Evans, M. J. Henley, R. C. Hurd, H. K. Jones, R. A. McCurdy, T. J. Orr, J. W. Sakaley, and C. R. Sartin.

### Transportation Dept.

H. W. Dearing, R. L. Fisher, W. M. French, R. L. Jackson, D. W. Pope, E. W. Thorne, and H. B. Thornsberry.



*EARNING THE AWARD in the Key Man Safety Development Program were R. E. "Bob" Davis, superintendent structures, left, and E. E. "Steve" Stephens, signal supervisor, both of Denver, show the certificates they won.*

## The Art of Thanksgiving

### The art of Thanksgiving is Thanking God

for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.  
for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested in common good.  
for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.  
for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievements.  
for happiness by striving to make others happy.  
for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.  
for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others.  
for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.  
for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.  
for each new day by living it to the fullest.  
by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit.  
adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of thanksgiving.

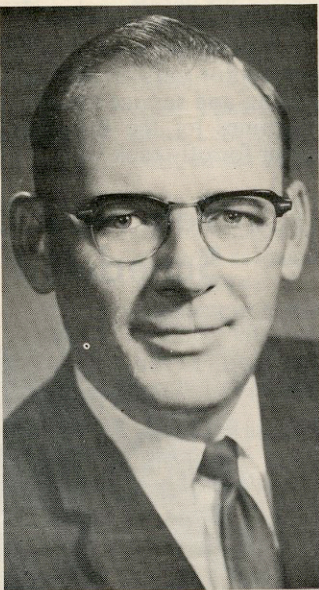
By Wilfred Peterson



## That Extra Effort Pays

A Rio Grande district manager has shown what alertness and resourcefulness can do in performing a public relations service for the D&RGW, the railroad industry, and Utah newspaper readers. At the same time, he did a favor for a high state official.

J. I. Hollandsworth, DM at Provo, Utah, spotted a real whopper in the local daily paper. The public official, running for re-election, had visited the U. S. Steel Company's Geneva Works nearby and was quoted as having said during his tour that a grossly unfair system of freight rates was damaging the company's ability to compete. He also decried the Japanese import situation.



The official said: "When it costs more to ship a ton of steel from Orem (Utah) to the West Coast than it does to ship it from Chicago to the same point, you know there is something wrong. I feel Geneva can compete; and it's unfair for Geneva to assume the main burden of head-to-head competition with Japanese steel."

The brightest avenue to reduced production costs lies in correcting the inequities of rail freight charges, the paper quoted him as having said.

Jim Hollandsworth knows that Rio Grande was practically a partner of U. S. Steel and the State of Utah in the establishment of the Geneva Works, and that the D&RGW's concern for the continued success of the steel plant has been proven over the years by equitable freight rates and the creation of a unique unit train system serving the steelworks.

He also knows that it cost less than half as much to ship a ton of steel from Orem to the coast than it does from Chicago to the coast.

Hollandsworth phoned D&RGW public relations in Denver, and with a quick go-ahead produced some action.

The misinformed state official was speaking before the Provo Rotary club the same week. Hollandsworth is sergeant-at-arms of the club. Because the Union Pacific also hauls Utah steel over its lines, the UP public relations man in Salt Lake City was alerted, and he was invited to be Hollandsworth's guest at the meeting, where they could both corner the campaigning official.

The next edition of the Provo paper had another story quoting the official:

"I was misinformed, and if I have offended anyone I apologize. At Geneva we have an example of local carriers that have gone the extra mile for the steel company, and they deserve my congratulations.

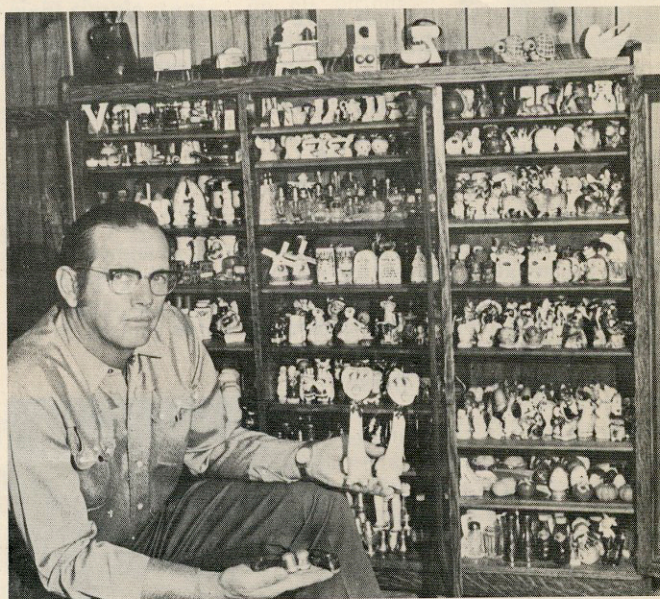
"Geneva and the railroads have worked very well together, and the result has been beneficial to both."

## It's Hobby Time

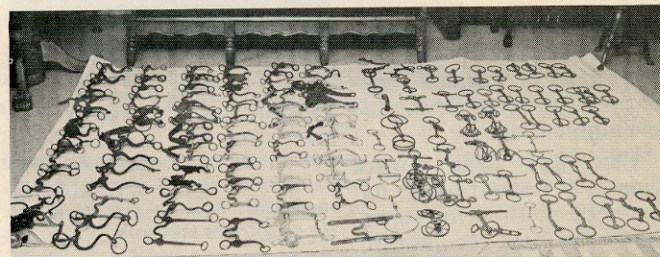
About 20 years ago E. H. Barslund decided he needed a hobby. The only thing he could afford at the time was to collect things which turned out to be salt and pepper shakers.

From a small beginning by raiding the kitchen cupboard, Barslund has 612 sets in his collection. The collection consists of a variety of sizes and shapes, such as windmills, tombstones, pumpkins, ducks and even an old fashioned telephone, and are from Germany, Italy, France, all over Canada and the United States.

To give the shakers a "home" he purchased a cabinet from the old Holly Sugar Co. at Grand Junction and refinished it. It makes a perfect display case as well as a conversation piece.

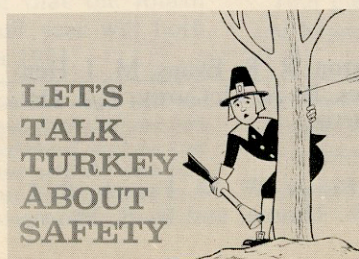


Not content with one hobby, E. H. Barslund, engineer at Grand Junction, has two hobbies.



Collecting led to a second hobby three years ago—collecting bits; not pieces, but bits used in the control of horses. Visiting farm sales, second hand stores, raiding friends' storerooms and attics, as well as purchasing some, according to the photo he has accumulated a good sized collection. (Cheedle Photos)

Barslund is a 30 year employe of the Rio Grande.

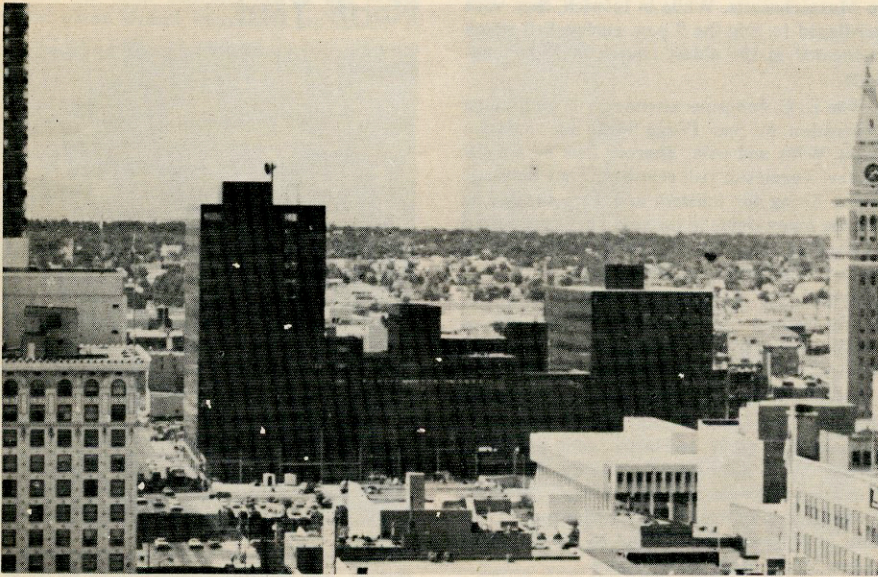


Safety is being alert to danger, and not taking chances. Be careful... and be thankful.

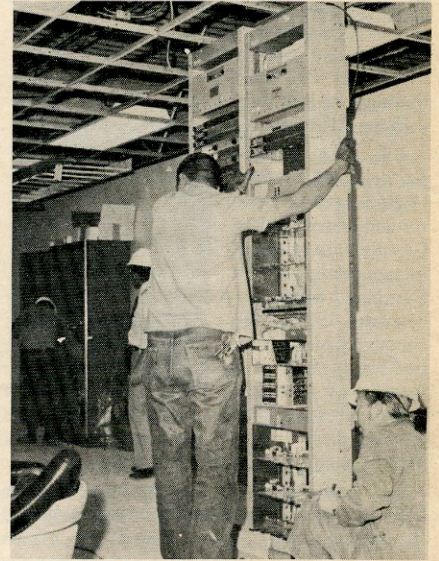


# Rio Grande's New Home Is Taking Shape

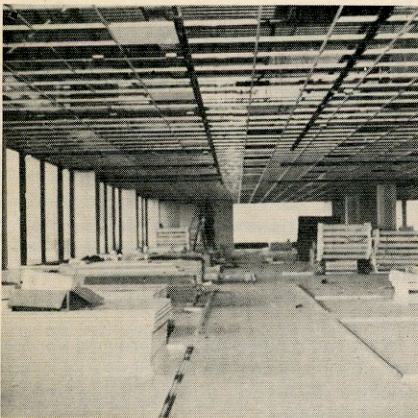
*Wonder what is going on in the new Park Central building? The accompanying photos will let you see. Views were taken during the past two months.*



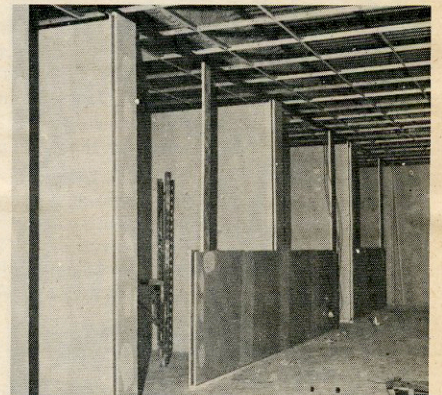
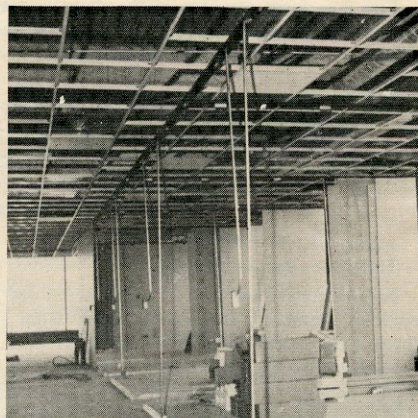
*PARK CENTRAL is framed by Brooks Tower on the left and the Daniels and Fisher tower. The Rio Grande will occupy part of the 16 story tower on the left.*



*CARRIER EQUIPMENT racks are being installed on the 0-6 floor where Communications Dept. will be located.*



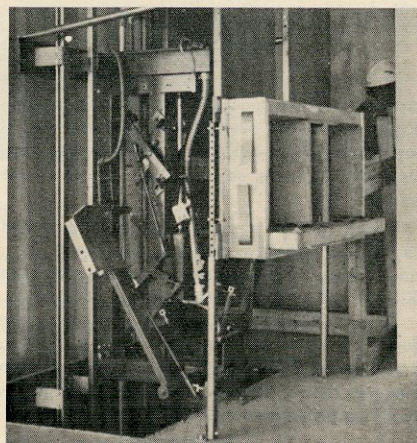
*DUCT WORK is completed, electrical work is being installed as are the partitions on the 0-9 floor. This is actually the 12th floor.*



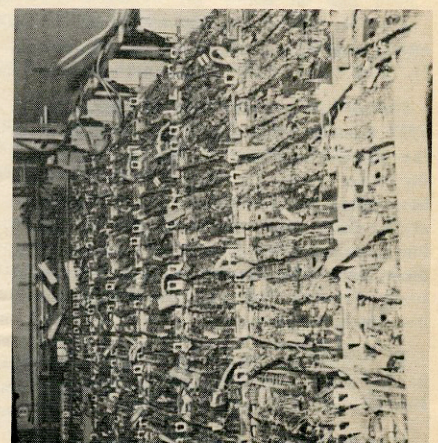
*OFFICES are roughed in on the 0-6 floor.*



*ELEVATORS are being installed and at present some are in operation.*



*THE SELECTIVE VERTICAL CONVEYOR will be used to carry forms and other items between floors.*



*"MA BELL" was here and installed telephone circuits in the basement to handle Rio Grande's many telephone lines.*



# Rail CHATTER on the Grande

## Burnham Notes

By Elmer Schaefer

William E. "Bill" Saunders, diesel shop foreman, retired July 1 after 43 years service with the Rio Grande.

Bill, born at Salida, attended Manual High School at Denver and joined the Rio Grande as a machinist apprentice in the Burnham Shops in August 1929. He completed his apprenticeship in 1936. He transferred to assistant diesel shop foreman in 1952 and was appointed diesel shop foreman on March 26, 1956, a position he held until retirement.

His many friends and co-workers were on hand to wish him the best of everything during the coming years.



John R. Nelson, electrician, applied for his annuity on Sept. 29. He is shown, left, with G. H. "Red" MacDonald, shop superintendent.

Nelson had his first taste of railroading in 1927 when he worked as a section laborer on the Aspen branch for three months. He worked for Public Service Co. from 1927 to 1943 when he rejoined the Rio Grande as an electrician at Burnham. With the coming of the diesel locomotives in 1944, he transferred to traveling diesel electric maintainer and transferred back to the shops in 1946 where he remained until his retirement this year.

In addition to being a top notch electrician, he was general chairman of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Best wishes for a most enjoyable retirement go with John from his fellow workers.

The Joe Baumgards vacationed with relatives at Hastings, Lincoln, Gothenburg and North Platte, Neb. The H. C. Kappelmans went as far east as Cape Cod and other points

in Massachusetts. While in Ipswich, they were privileged to ring the 9 p.m. curfew bell which is located in the oldest church in Massachusetts.

The E. E. Johnsons attended a Travel Lodge convention at San Diego while on vacation. Jerry Wills and wife, Sharon, flew by DC-10 to Los Angeles to visit relatives. They did some scuba diving for lobsters and were thrilled to see the many sights in the sea. They also toured the sailing ship, Star of India, Lion Country Safari, Sea World and Disneyland.

Wish John Nelson and William King, recently retired electricians, a happy life of leisure and rest after many years of railroad service.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Tom Plasters who passed away the day he had planned to retire as an electrician in the shops. Sympathy is also extended to the family of Rea Hightshoe who passed away in September. Condolences to Harry Throckmorton on the loss of his wife, Leona, and to the family of Amos Spicer in the loss of Amos.

Pleased to see some of our retired employees who visited the shops which include Bill Schultz, Roy Shipman, Lyle Sawyer and Tommy Lombardi.

Five new faces are seen in the shops and a welcome is extended to W. G. Horner, A. S. Sietos, G. S. Padilla, Jim Nieto and H. M. Torres.

Jerry Talmadge and Christina Wynkoop were married on October 28. They honeymooned at Yellowstone Park and Montana. Jerry is the son of the Robert Talmadges.

## Store Dept.

By Dolly Eagler

The "Deer Parties Prevail."

Bob Guerrieri and party bagged seven deer on their outing. J. Jamieson returned from a three week vacation with his limit of deer. Adolph Herman is trying his luck for deer while on vacation.

Eddie Egan and family spent the weekend at Pueblo visiting relatives. Harold Veal and family spent the weekend at Glenwood Springs.

## Colorado Springs

By Jim Kennedy

Harold Sothman, truck supervisor, enjoyed two weeks vacation just being around home. Frank Garcilaso, section foreman, was working on an addition to his home while on vacation. Bill Kennedy enjoyed his vacation of one month.

Frank Barnes, engineer, and his son visited family and friends at Phoenix, Las Vegas, Nev. and Tucson. Al Horn called square dances in Kansas and Nebraska while he was on vacation.

Harold Bartholmew, retired clerk, and wife journeyed to Ohio from their home at Exeter, Calif. On their return, they stayed in Colorado Springs visiting friends. He looks good and is enjoying his retirement.

Al Thiebault, retired baggage clerk, is improving from his illness. He would like to hear and see some of his friends.

S. C. Parker, conductor, took three days to go deer hunting in Wyoming. He came back with a nice two-point spike buck.

## North Yard



JOE MARZINO, left, general yardmaster at Denver, was recently congratulated by J. W. Lovett, director of personnel, for his 38 years of faithful service to the Rio Grande. Joe is also general chairman for the Railroad Yardmasters of America. Lovett is pointing to Joe's 35-year pin.

## Alamosa

By Lee Jordan

Alamosans knowing Amos Spicer were saddened by the news of his death the latter part of October. Amos worked for many years and was loved by those who knew him and worked with him. His sincerity and accuracy in all he undertook was well known and trusted. We are sorry that he did not get to carry out his retirement plans.

Rain and cool weather are bringing the deer down for the hunters to bag. Several men have acquired elk licenses to hunt the big boys the last of October.

Tall tales and some arguments were the topics of the day during the last days before November 7 election. Hope all voted for what they thought was right.

## Helper

By Domenic Juliano

Sincere sympathy to Ray and Kathy Anderson on the loss of their daughter, Phyllis.

Congratulations to Moises (Amigo) Jaramillo on his recent retirement. Moises was a laborer at Helper and his friendliness to other employees will be missed.

Congratulations to Ken and Lou Dimick on the arrival of Christey Lynn Saccomano, born Oct. 17. The proud parents are Alan and Renee Saccomano, daughter and son-in-law of the Dimicks. Christey is the first in the family fifth generation. Christey didn't get to watch the World Series but he did win a pot, thanks to grandpa.

Ern and Lucille Gardner had their son, Keith, and their grandchildren for a few days to hunt deer with grandpa.



## Grand Junction

By Almeda Flint

After ten months in Denver public relations work, pretty Dianne Raff, 21, decided she missed the farm and returned to her Fruita home where Polled Herefords are raised. It wasn't long until she received the title, "Queen of the Colorado-Wyoming Polled Hereford Assn." She received the vote of that association during their annual banquet this fall at Cheyenne. Dianne's father, Joe Raff, clerk, is president of the association and her mother is vice president of the women's group, the Pollettes. During her year as queen, Dianne will attend the National Western Stock Show at Denver in January as well as State Fairs of Colorado and Wyoming where she will present trophies and ribbons in Polled Hereford competition. She was a member of 4-H for ten years and was a member of the Livestock Judging Team and Mesa College. Presently she is employed by City Market at Grand Junction. Two of her brothers are Rio Grande employees—Joe, Jr., a trainman, and Harold, clerk, who is on military leave and stationed in Panama.

Dwaine Russell, trainman, must have railroading in his blood. His father is L. W. Russell, conductor, and his grandfather, C. W. Russell, is a retired engineer. Dwaine and his wife, Joyce, are stock car racing enthusiasts. They have won many trophies in races at Delta and Montrose as well as on the Cactus Park Speedway near Grand Junction. During one of the local races, Joyce turned in the fastest time trial of the entire field—including Dwaine, who wasn't too surprised as he presumed that sooner or later she would prove her ability. Little money is realized by the Russells during the season as travel expenses and keeping the car running have practically used all the prize money. Approximately \$2,000 was spent this year to keep the car in top running condition. Dwaine's racing career started with motorcycles on the local drag strip at the age of 14. He is also interested in off-road racing.

Apparently Tom Lynch, agent, is preparing us for his retirement by taking his 1972 and 1973 vacations in one big lump before he reaches the crucial age. We're going to miss him and hope he will continue to stop by, even if it's only on paydays (for us, that is). Nice to see Archie Fowler when he whizzed through en route to Denver.

Happy to hear B. C. "Spud" Eaton is doing so well after his recent heart attack. Eddie Gries is recuperating at home following eye surgery. Nurse Venice is having the usual problems with patients, but has convinced Eddie that he must be careful for a short while at least. They are looking forward to Christmas in Seattle with son, Edward, and family. Charlie Hacker looked fit as a fiddle when he stopped by recently.

Other retirees on the go are the Oliver Brocks who flew from Denver to San Diego, San Francisco and Anchorage, Alaska, where they were contacted by radio with the sad news of her brother's death in an auto accident in Kentucky. Air again was the quick mode of travel so they were able to attend the funeral in Kentucky after which they flew home via Denver.

Lois Williams worked as ticket clerk so Jerry Erkine could vacation for a month. On his return to work, Lois began her vacation. Jim Wagner, night chief dispatcher, has fin-

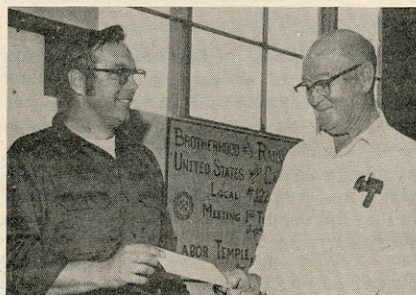
ished his annual vacation. During his absence, Dean Trujillo and Rod Rickenbach worked various times as night chief. Al Daub is using his final week for elk hunting. Hope he has better luck than he had deer hunting one muddy trip.



Karen Ann Barslund, age 12, daughter of E. H. Barslund, engineer, is holding a pet turtle named Alofus (All-of-us). The California desert turtle eats only vegetables and weighs 11 pounds. After living with the Barslunds for three years he has his preferences. He wants to be outdoors in the summer, but likes to be in the house all winter.

The Ed Hellmans attended their daughter Connie Sue's wedding to Lowell Clark at Ft. Collins. Connie Sue is interning at St. Anthony's Hospital at Denver as a medical technician. Her new husband is employed by a radio station in Denver.

After serving 47 years with the Rio Grande as switchman before his retirement, Paul Dooling passed away following a long illness. Sincere sympathy to his family, also to the Wilbur Lucores on the loss of his mother.



Best wishes to Marion R. "Tiger" McElvain who applied for his annuity on Sept. 24. Tiger, as he was affectionately called by his fellow employees as a result of the ferocious way he attacked his work, joined the Rio Grande as a laborer and held several positions in the Mechanical Dept. In the photo above McElvain, on the right, is being presented a gift by Russell Parker from his fellow workers.

## Moving?

When moving please include your old address as well as your new address. Allow at least one month for change to be made.

## Salida Comments

By Maribee\*

One of the first stories this reporter heard when becoming a Rio Grande employe was about the ticket clerk who was shot while on duty in the old Leadville passenger depot. He was later awarded an engraved watch by the railroad for his bravery.

The ticket clerk was Joseph Dale, Sr. The incident occurred in the year 1905. Joseph Dale was forced to go to work at an early age because of the death of his father which happened shortly after his graduation from high school. He was born in Leadville in 1887.

His first job was ticket clerk for the D&RGW. Joe was working the graveyard shift when a masked man, carrying a .45 calibre revolver, attempted to hold up the office. In attempting to stop him, Joe grabbed the gun and grappled with the robber. The bandit tore the pistol loose and whipped him into semi-consciousness. During the struggle the gun went off and Joe was wounded.

The bandit ran out of the building and Joe struggled to the counter and grabbed a pistol. He fired twice at the fleeing desperado but missed. The bandit was caught later and was accused also of killing a U. S. Marshal. Joe testified against him and the man was sentenced to life imprisonment. Later Joe visited him in Colorado State Prison.

After he recovered from the encounter and returned to work, Joe must have said to himself, "There must be an easier way to make a living." He departed for Nevada where in 1906 he started a grocery store with his brothers. The first store was in partnership with his brother Ned. Five years later Ned went to Los Angeles and opened a grocery business, now part of the Safeway chain.

Joe stayed in Nevada and went into the grocery business with his twin brothers. Their Tonopah store was destroyed by fire in 1918. The trio then moved to California and in 1921 they bought out a coffee firm. Dale Bros. Coffee is noted throughout California today.

Joseph Dale gained fame by spending 45 years of his life supporting Fresno State athletics. He had played football with the Leadville high school team from 1903 to 1905.

His last visit to Leadville was about ten years ago. He came to the freight depot and proudly displayed the watch he had been awarded for his bravery.

Joe passed away in September at the age of 85.

M. J. Plewes, conductor on the Monarch run, is quite active in the Odd Fellows. On November 18 he will be installed in Florence as district president.

R. C. Williams, former Salida trainmaster now in Salt Lake City, keeps in touch with his Salida friends. He now believes he has a Gene Autry in the family as a result of his younger son being presented a horse by an uncle. Reggie and Edna had quite a vacation trip which extended from visits with relatives in Washington, where he could engage in salmon fishing, to San Francisco where their daughter and family reside.

Tom Naccarato, brakeman, who made a three-week visit to Sweden in the company of his cousin, Jim McCorkindale, likes to talk about the funny incidents which occurred. He learned that at parties there you introduce yourself to everyone upon arriving. When de-



parting, the same handshake procedure with everyone is proper etiquette. Needless to say, in the exhilaration Tom and Jim broke a few rules.

One of Tom's ambitions was to take a dip in the Bering Sea, but the rush of parties and sightseeing prolonged the fulfillment until almost the last day before departure. For a time it seemed that judging from all the partying that had been going on, the boys couldn't find the sea—it was just too much social activity. The dip was finally made, but it was a fast one. The water temperature wasn't tested with a toe before diving in. It turned out to be brrrrrry cold.

Jack Paquettes, retired conductor, and the John Sandovals were among guests at the annual father-son banquet sponsored by the Navy Mothers' Club.

The yesteryears column of the Mountain Mail, Salida newspaper, disclosed that on October 16, 1922 the secret marriage of Frank Rout to Gertrude Pope, a Pueblo school teacher, was revealed. Frank, retired roundhouse foreman, and Gertrude make their home in Salida.

\*Mary B. Cassidy

## From the White House

Traffic Dept.

By Bob Hulstrom

John S. Jarrett, assistant manager-Pricing, laid aside his rate sheets, pencils, and other tools of his trade on October 25th when he applied for his annuity.

A native of Delta, John attended schools at Greeley and Denver and attended the University of Denver.

During the summers of 1924-25 between school semesters, he worked for the Rio Grande as a messenger and office boy, respectively, and in July 1926 he joined the railroad on a full-time basis as a clerk in the Auditor of Freight Receipts Department at Denver.

He held several positions in that department, and in April, 1944, he transferred to the Traffic Department as a junior rate clerk. He held positions as head division clerk, assistant to general freight agent, and assistant to general freight traffic manager. He was appointed assistant general freight agent in July, 1955; general freight agent in February, 1965; and assistant manager-Pricing on September 16, 1966, the position he held at retirement.

Those who had worked with him over the years were on hand to wish him a most enjoyable retirement. He and his wife plan to make their home in Little Valley near Estes Park, Colorado, where he says there will be plenty to do.

Con Griswold took Horace Greeley's advice and moved west to the metropolis of Evergreen, sometimes called the banana belt of the Rockies. Hope he enjoys the scenery as he commutes to and from work during the winter.

A welcome is extended to Richard McGowan as steno-clerk in the Sacramento office.

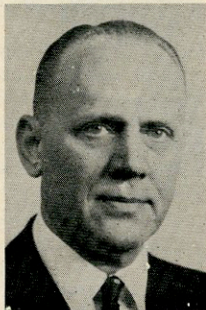


Tom Hawsworth has been appointed office manager of the Pittsburgh, Pa. office. He was formerly at Washington, D. C.

Charles J. Dobol, district manager at New York City, retired after 41 years of loyal and dedicated service with the Rio Grande.

Dobol began his career with the Rio Grande as a clerk in the railroad's Traffic Dept. office at New York City in September, 1931. He held positions as freight clerk, freight agent, perishable freight agent, district freight agent, general agent and has been district manager since June, 1968, all in the New York office.

He takes with him the sincere appreciation of management for a job well done, and the esteem and good wishes of all his friends and associates.



## From The Top

By Irene Stevenson

Welcome to Eric Paul, attorney, as of November 1. He is originally from Staten Island, N. Y. He attended Seton Hall University Law School in Newark, N.J. and has been in Denver about four months. His wife is a nurse at C. U. Medical Center. When asked what he thought about Denver right now, he said he certainly prefers the snow (there is 15 inches on the ground) to the rain which is so prevalent during the eastern winters.

Dean Ferguson drove to New Jersey to visit relatives recently and said the fall coloring was beautiful. He was impressed by all the manufacturing plants in New Jersey, but said that there are still quiet, wooded areas. They enjoyed the State Historical Park, which is near Morristown.

Sympathy is extended to Rosemary Wiemeyer whose mother, Mrs. Clara Wiemeyer, died on October 29.

Comments about the BIG snowstorm: Norm Maris, "Oh, to be back in Hawaii." Bill Omeron, "They never had anything like this in Hawaii." Gene Schmeckpeper, "It sure is deep." Pat Fick (about Gene), "He's planning on going camping." Max Ehrlich, "Sure wish mini skirts would come back." We couldn't list all the snow depths given—it sounded too much like fishing yarns.

## Management Information

By Ben Goldstein

Employees in MIS were pleased to see Elizabeth Strange well enough to return to work as a train clerk. Bessie has had quite a bout with illness. Hope she had a complete recovery.

Welcome to Vonda Sloan who has taken a position as key punch operator. Hope she enjoys her employment with the Rio Grande.

Vince Gagliardi, manager computer operations, returned from a two-week vacation. He worked around the house and also practiced on his golf game. He is now ready to take on any of his buddies for a fast game, or better yet, bring on Arnie Palmer.

## Engineering Dept.

By Jeanne Gustafson

While we're shoveling ourselves out of the snowbanks, it is nice to reflect on vacations past.

Mickey Carpenter and husband, Claude, are dreaming of the days spent on the sunny beaches of Hawaii where they just recently had "the perfect vacation."

Clarence Froid and wife, Martha, are dreaming of the "bank they didn't break" on a trip to Virginia City, Carson City, West Lake Tahoe and Gardnerville, Nev., where they visited with friends.

Ella Lebsack and husband, Henry, flew to Los Angeles where they visited with relatives and enjoyed the California sunshine.

All are thinking of and missing B. C. "Spud" Eaton who suffered a heart attack a few weeks ago and was confined to the hospital. Happy to report that Spud is now at home recuperating. Get well wishes are sent his way.

Kenny Johnson, back from an extensive European tour, paid us a visit recently, and Ted Urban, newly retired, waved a fast "hello" the other day. Congratulations, Ted — hope you'll find time for a long visit some day.

## Revenue Accounting

By Dick Eggleston

James R. Jamison, better known to his fellow workers as Jamie, decided to "unload his musket" effective Oct. 9. The inference is that Jamie served in the U. S. Army during World War II primarily in the European theater where he advanced to the rank of Lt. Colonel.

After the cessation of hostilities in 1947 and having been briefly stationed at Lowry AFB at Denver prior to overseas duty, he and his wife, Ella, decided to make Denver their home at which time he joined the Rio Grande as a clerk in the Revenue Accounting Dept. He held various positions in this department and at the time of his retirement was a divisions clerk.

Jamie and Ella anticipate considerable travel to the land of magnolia blossoms and battle fields of Appomattox and Gettysburg. Understand he has been researching a series of articles in years past on military and historical nostalgia and is planning a series of magazine articles of the Civil War.

Friends who wish to be informed as to whether the South was defeated or outnumbered may find a welcome at the Jamison residence in Windsor Gardens.

Needless to say, best wishes go with them for many years of happy retirement from all their friends.

Congratulations to the following who were recently promoted: John Milne, Chief Clerk; Charles Bradford, chief of Reaudit and Recheck; and Byron Brown, chief of Revenue Accounting.

Welcome to Carolyn R. Brann who transferred to this department from MIS.

Al and Mable Green journeyed to Missouri while on vacation. This reporter and wife, June, managed to stay even while in Las Vegas.





## System Freight Agency

By Charles Cutforth

Vacationing Kenny and Ruby Davis returned from a trip to the southwest which included Arches National Monument, Utah, Tucson, Ariz., Nogales, Mexico and various places in New Mexico and Colorado. They reported the aspen and other trees were spectacular this year and the weather was beautiful.

Everyone celebrated with coffee and doughnuts in wishing Dolores Nitz a happy birthday on Oct. 25. She claims her hubby is going to grow older all alone.

Everyone is looking forward to moving into the new building.

Thought: No matter how thin you slice it, it still has two sides.

## Wanted

Persons who are willing to give of their time to help tutor elementary school children.

Children are not always endowed with homes where fruitful study may occur. Some are not blessed with parents who are able to help them. Community Study Hall is attempting to remedy this situation.

If you are interested in helping a child to learn, further information may be obtained by contacting Community Study Hall Association, 2525 W. 6th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80204, phone 266-2255.

## Personnel Department

Ed Baldrige and wife flew off to Alaska where they met his wife's sister and husband. After a week in Anchorage, the foursome flew to Hawaii where they received a typical Hawaiian welcome. They visited Honolulu and the many sights the islands have to offer. Ten inches of snow was the greeting they received when they arrived back in Denver.

## Pueblo

Charles Genova resigned to apply for his annuity on Sept. 30 after 46 years of service on the Rio Grande.



ON HAND AT PUEBLO for Charles Genova's retirement were, from left, John Rose, laborer, L. A. Fitzgerald, roundhouse foreman, J. E. Allen, master mechanic, Denver, Genova, Gilbert Saiz and Steve Kline, machinists.

Genova began his railroad career as a laborer-supplyman on Aug. 31, 1926 in the Pueblo Mechanical Dept. He transferred to machinist helper in April, 1927, and became a full-fledged machinist in Sept., 1932, a position he held at retirement.

Fellow workers wish him many happy years of retirement.

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## Ogden

By W. O. "Toots" Furniss

We have missed the news write up of the Rio Family at Ogden by Frank Burch who has moved to the Orem-Provo area. Yes, Frank, we do miss you and your better half, Maurine.

This has been a great summer for vacations. Our world traveler Len George made another trip to Europe and some parts of the Iron Curtain countries. Don Parkinson, switchman, enjoyed a pleasant vacation in San Francisco with his son and family who live there.

Yours truly enjoyed two weeks trailering the northwest, Victoria, Vancouver, B. C., Seattle and parts of Oregon with our daughter, Connie, who came from Baltimore to make the trip.

E. C. Anderson, agent, is back to work and is telling of his success in the deer hunt in the Scofield area. C. M. Combs, comb. foreman, is busy making plans with V. Griffith of Provo for a holiday in Old Mexico to see a bullfight and the pretty senoritas.

Our ardent anglers, J. Painter, the Parkinson brothers, Fay and Don, are still getting some good catches of rainbows in the local waters.

It is good to see Jim Baggs, carman, back to work after some bad days in the hospital. Blaine Glanville pays us a friendly visit now and then. He has been on the injury list for several months.

E. G. Lowham, switchman, motored to the west coast and Canada, sailing the inland passage from Kelsey Bay to Prince Rupert. Don Wooden, clerk, spent most of his vacation touring the greater part of British Columbia. Wilf Hamblin has been doing some extensive deer hunting in the Echo and Lost Creek Mountains. He is the section foreman for this end of the line.

The annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at the Ramada Inn at 7 p.m. This is always a big party. Steak is on the menu, games and prizes after. All Vets and employes and their partners are invited. There will be an election of officers for 1973.

Reservations are a must to know how many to plan for. Contact any Vet's officer for further information.

(Pleased "Toots" Furniss is making the report for Ogden—Ed.)

## Denver Vets

By Foyle Troxel

Bingo and doughnuts, cider and coffee were enjoyed by a good crowd at the October meeting. Our thanks to Frank and Lois McDonald for the fine winter squash from their garden for added bingo prizes.

The Auxiliary was pleased to welcome a new member, Irene Sills.

Esther and Tony Loibl have moved into an apartment at 101 Grant St., Apt. 301. Tony is feeling much better. Julia Hobbs is now in the Beverly Manor Nursing Home.

Lucy Guy recently visited her sister at Julesburg. Ruth and Louie Heimlich visited their granddaughter at Holdrege, Neb. Gladys and George Bush went to Columbia, Mo., to visit their daughter.

Sympathy is extended to Joe and Evelyn Witherwax in the death of his brother, William. Condolences to Mickey and Ruth Cone in the loss of Mickey's brother, Tom, at Salt Lake.

## Provo

By R. R. Rackele

Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds. Gay Fawn Allred and Lynn F. Mikesell were married on October 19. Gay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Allred, and Lynn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mikesell.

Congratulations to the Franklin Shepherds who have been married 31 years. Frank said it is no use changing now, and another 31 years would be to his liking.

The wife of Bob Pace has been in the hospital for a few days. J. H. Boyd had a back operation recently. Best wishes for an early recovery to both.

Roy Chappell, retired carman with over 49 years of service on the Rio Grande, passed away. He was a member of Story Lodge AF&AM No. 100F and Railway Lodge No. 1248. Sincere condolences to the family.

It was a very warm day while Dave Harmon was riding his horse. He reached down in the saddle bag for a "cool drink." As the cool liquid crossed his parched tongue, a highway patrolman happened by and gave him a ticket for being under the influence while "driving" a horse. Dave swears it is true.

Many of the local rails have taken to the hills. Some were lucky, and others tell of the ones that got away.

Allen Wernz has been discharged from the Navy and will be returning to his old job as a clerk.

## Alamosa Vets

By Lee Jordan

A cider and doughnut party was held on October 22 for Veteran's Club No. 7 at the Cox home.

Visiting and Bingo were enjoyed by all present. Enos Jones did the calling and Lola Jones took the money for the pots.

Men at these parties are slowly becoming extinct.

## NARBW News

By Mary Stevens

The Denver Chapter of the National Association of Railway Business Women held their regular monthly meeting on November 15. Maizie Hester, national president, was chairman of the dinner and was assisted by Marie Koerber and Inez Kreller.

Mr. Charles Hackett, regional director of Railroad Retirement, was the guest speaker and answered many questions afterwards.

Members of the Chapter extend sincere sympathy to Rosemary Wiemeyer and her brothers on the death of their mother on October 29.

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An Italian, having applied for citizenship, was being examined. Replying to the Judge's question, he gave correctly the name of the president and capitol of the United States. Then the Judge asked: "Could you become president?"

"No," he replied.

"Why couldn't you?" inquired the Justice.

"You please excuse," begged the Italian, "I vera busy right now sella de peanots."



## Salt Lake Vets

By Fred Krauth

The Christmas party this year will be held on December 13. It will be a potluck dinner with the Vet's Club furnishing the turkey, ham, rolls, coffee and soft drinks.

Officers and board members are making the arrangements for an excellent program and dance following the dinner.

Don't forget the date: December 13; time, 6:30 p.m.; at the Senior Citizens Bldg., 237 S. 10th East. Each member should bring their own dishes and silverware and be prepared to have a good time.

This will conclude the events for 1972, and the officers and board members would like to thank all for their support and cooperation. If you have any suggestions for the coming year, contact one of the officers of the club.

## We've Been Topped

(In response to a query in the September Green Light regarding the oldest retiree on the Rio Grande, one was found at Grand Junction that appears to be the winner.—Ed.)

George Dunlap, who was born on January 13, 1873, appears to be the oldest living retiree on the Rio Grande system.

George joined the Rio Grande as a brakeman on the Grand Junction Division, now part of the Utah Division, on August 5, 1916. He was promoted to conductor on November 1, 1920. He held runs out of Grand Junction and Salt Lake City. (Cheedle Photo)



He retired on December 26, 1945 with over 29 years of service during which time he set an enviable record in the course of his duties. He amassed 280 merit points, something for which he can be justly proud.

Best wishes and a tip of the hat to George Dunlap.

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We of the older generation never got a break. When we were young, we were advised to respect our elders; now we're told to listen to youth.

## West Slope Vets

By Kenneth E. Graham

The Western Slope Vet's Club No. 4 will hold a joint annual election meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary on Sunday, Nov. 19.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings is being prepared by the ladies and may be enjoyed free by all active and inactive veterans and their wives.

Don't forget. The date is November 19. The time is 4:00 p.m. The place is Lincoln Park Auditorium.

## Salida Vets

By Mary B. Cassidy

A covered dish dinner in the fall has proven a success in getting the members together.

On the second Saturday in October, the Grange Hall was the scene of some 85 members of this club gathering together for companionship, playing of games for which prizes were awarded, and a gourmet dinner.

The food in itself makes it worth coming to the party. The club supplies the entree, this year it was roast beef, and those who attend bring a covered dish. Everyone raves about the new discoveries in those covered dishes. The party attendants also bring a "white elephant" which is used as prizes. Everyone has a gala time.

Some of the diligent workers on this year's covered dish affair were L. T. Clark, agent, Ray Lytle, Jack Paquette, Swede Morrison, Herb Cole and the ladies; of course, lent their touch.

The next social event will be the Christmas party.

## Helper Vets

By Domenic Juliano

The children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 17, at Helper Civic Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Bring the kiddies to see Santa and receive some goodies.

The New Year's party will be held on December 31 at the Helper Civic Auditorium. There will be more details later.

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A beautiful young blond walked into a dress shop and asked the manager: "May I try on that blue dress in the window?"

"Go ahead," said the shopkeeper. "That ought to attract some attention for the store."

## Royal Gorge in 1876



THE ABOVE REPRODUCTION is of a painting done in oil of the Royal Gorge by Nancy M. Prentiss in 1876. Photo of the painting was furnished by her grandson, Mack Prentiss, who lives at Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada. The exceptional painting shows the rugged canyon walls before rails were pushed through from east to west.

## Suggestions

Suggestions received for review and discussion:

15681	19623	31126
15688	20594	31131
16265	20636	31133
18325	20702	31158
18436	21369	31199

The following suggestions were for various reasons not adopted:

18057	31132
19044	31201

Last month's winner was John J. Murrell, Jr., conductor at Denver.

## What Are You Worth?

Think about this for a moment: You have a plain iron or steel bar worth about \$5 to start with.

Made into horseshoes, it is worth \$10.50.

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Made into needles, it is worth \$3,250.

Made into balance springs for watches, it is worth \$250,000.

The same thing is true for another kind of material—you. Your value is determined by what you make of yourself.

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## A Silverton Bag For Christmas?

The Rio Grande Veterans' Club suggests putting a Silverton Travel Bag on that Christmas list.

The Silverton Travel Bag, which would fill the void for giving a little something extra, features Rio Grande's popular narrow gauge train with steam locomotive 473. The utility bag is white vinyl, trimmed in black, 14½ in. long, 9½ in. high, 6¼ in. wide, zipper top opening, regular handles, side pockets, artwork and lettering in gold and black.

Send check or money order in the amount of \$2.50, plus 50 cents postage, to Rio Grande Veterans' Club, D&RGW Railroad, P. O. Box 5482, Denver, Colo. 80217.

Rio Grande



# The Grande People

By Ann Eckberg

## Retirements

(Years of Service and Date Shown)

Arant, Prinston B., Grand Junction, Machinist, 44, June 2.  
 Brazil, Robert J., Salida, Machinist, 40, Sept. 1.  
 Burkinshaw, Lamar A., Salt Lake City, Train Yard Foreman, 38, Sept. 2.  
 Cowley, Cleo, Salt Lake City, Stower, 35, Sept. 1.  
 Dee, Bernard E., Denver, Rate & Revising Supervisor, 49, Aug. 1.  
 Greenmyer, Adolph, Denver, Crane Operator, 27, Aug. 1.  
 Martinez, Luis J., Alamosa, Transfer Trucker, 47, Aug. 22.  
 Morfin, Chris, Grand Junction, Section Laborer, 22, Feb. 5.  
 Pauly, Harry O., Grand Junction, Conductor, 45, July 1.  
 Rose, Alex E., Denver, Manager of Insurance, 50, Sept. 1.  
 Sealy, William L., Denver, Store Helper, 30, July 1.  
 Shinkle, Thomas R., Denver, Carman, 35, Aug. 1.  
 Spray, Clarence S., Denver, Switchman, 21, May 5.

## Losses

(Age and Date of Death)

Ahe, Wilbur C., Denver, Brakeman, 68, Oct. 25.  
 Anderson, Charles O., Salida, Brakeman, 77, Sept. 19.  
 Cone, Thomas E., Salt Lake City, Asst. Cashier, 70, Sept. 27.  
 Davis, John C., Denver, Conductor, 76, Oct. 9.  
 DeHart, William P., Salt Lake City, Machinist, 82, Sept. 1972.  
 DeWees, Floyd H., Denver, Locomotive Engineer, 64, Oct. 19.  
 Dooling, Paul W., Grand Junction, Switchman, 72, Oct. 16.  
 Gibbs, George C., Denver, Switchman, 59, Oct. 9.  
 Halbert, Andrew J., Denver, Waiter-DC&H, 70, Oct. 22.  
 Hightshoe, Rea D., Denver, Electrician, 81, Sept. 17.  
 Luben, Tony, Denver, Mechanical Laborer, 76, Sept. 8.  
 Neal, Robert C., Denver, Carman, 70, Aug. 12.  
 Plasters, John (Tom), Denver, Electrician, 65, Sept. 29.  
 Smith, Joseph S., Salt Lake City, Chief Baggage Clerk, 89, Sept. 18.  
 Speckman, Walter S., Denver, Tax Commissioner, 56, Oct. 2.  
 Stratton, George L., Salt Lake City, Switchman, 79, Aug. 25.  
 Wendelin, Raymond M., Cincinnati, District Representative, 61, Sept. 8.  
 Wilson, Chester L., Denver, Switchman, 62, Oct. 12.

## New Book Available

Doris Osterwald, who has a fondness for narrow gauge railroads, has produced another book. This one is about the narrow gauge line taken over by the states of Colorado and New Mexico, in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico.

"Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad" covers the line through the spring of 1972. There are many fine photos in the 44 page, 8 1/2 x 11 book.

It is available at hobby stores for \$2.75, or from Eagle Mere, P.O. Box 69, Kittridge, Colo. 80457.

## RECENT APPOINTMENTS

J. W. Anderson, District Representative.....Omaha  
 D. F. Atkins, District Representative.....New York City  
 B. K. Baker, District Representative.....New York City  
 D. K. Barton, Rodman, Utah Division.....Salt Lake City  
 W. T. Boettigheimer, Asst. to  
 Regional Manager.....New York City  
 C. R. Chesnut, Assistant Engineer,  
 Utah Division.....Salt Lake City  
 T. K. Hawksworth, Office Manager.....Pittsburgh  
 J. P. Heiney, District Manager.....Cincinnati  
 J. B. Lynch, District Manager  
 (N. E. District).....Philadelphia  
 W. L. McGaha, District Representative.....Kansas City  
 R. A. McGowan, Steno-Clerk.....Sacramento  
 W. E. Mullins, District Manager.....Baltimore  
 R. C. Nelson, District Representative.....Salt Lake City  
 J. Pearson, Rodman, Utah Division.....Salt Lake City  
 W. A. Scanlon, Office Manager.....New York City

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Sterling.....RG-13	\$4.75	RG-13E \$5.40
Gold Filled.....RG-14	\$5.50	RG-14E \$6.25

### TIE CHAINS

Sterling Enameled.....RG-	9E \$5.40
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG-	10E \$6.25

### BOLA TIES

(with Montezuma Clips)

Sterling Enameled.....RG-	21E \$4.75
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG-	22E \$5.00

### CUFF LINKS

	Plain	Enameled
Silver Plate.....RG-15	\$3.50	RG-15E \$4.50
Gold Plate.....RG-16	\$3.75	RG-16E \$4.50
Sterling.....RG-17	\$5.75	RG-17E \$6.25
Gold Filled.....RG-18	\$6.50	RG-18E \$8.00

### TIE TACS

Sterling Enameled.....RG-	25E \$3.50
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG-	26E \$4.00

### BRACELETS

Sterling Enameled.....RG-	3E \$4.25
Gold Filled Enameled.....RG-	4E \$4.75
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Sterling.....RG-	23E \$3.25

### ORDER FORM

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Please mail to me via parcel post the following items offered by the Rio Grande Veterans' Clubs:

Item No.	Quantity	Description	Amount	Mail Charge Plus Handling	Total
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				30c per item	\$
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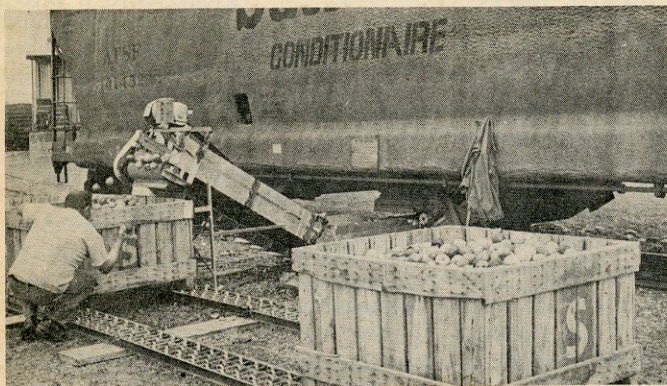
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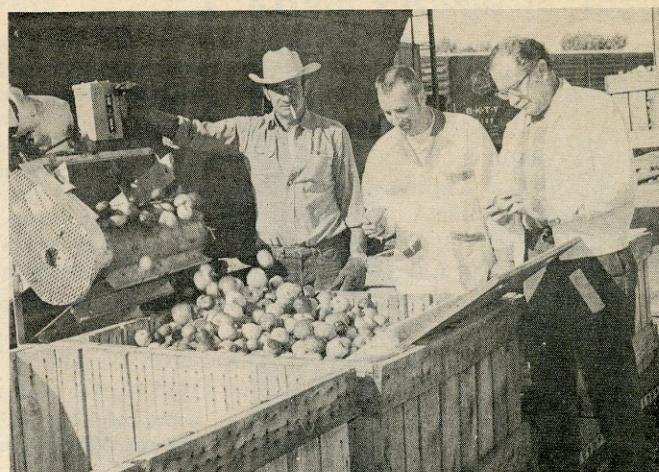
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# Eastern Apples Make Western Applesauce



**APPLES ARE UNLOADED** by a special conveyor belt from the hopper car to wooden bins which are transported to the plant by fork lift.



**INSPECTING THE APPLES** as they come from the car are Paul R. Blomstrand, material handling specialist, center, and A. Lloyd Ryall, commodity consultant, both with American Car and Foundry Corp., developers of the Conditionaire hopper car. An unidentified Skyland employee is operating the conveyor. (Two photos above and cover photo by Cheedle.)

Skyland Food Corporation at Delta, Colo., began processing apples during the month of October.

What makes the processing unique this year is that apples are being imported from North Carolina. This is the first for apples being shipped across the country to a western shipper. A freeze in May damaged the usual apple crop on the Western Slope. Skyland decided to import apples in order to keep the plant in operation.

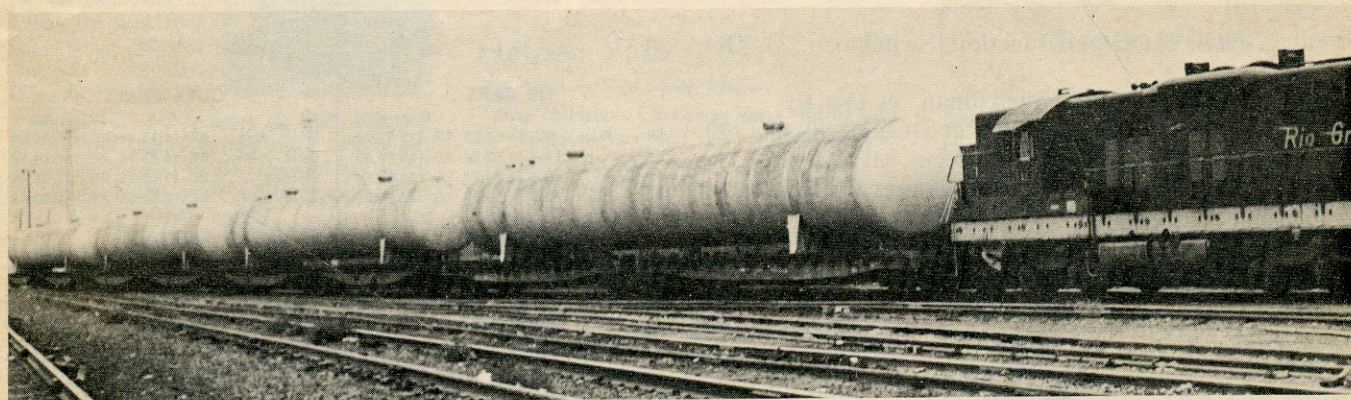
The first carload of apples arrived by Rio Grande on October 9 in Conditionaire hopper cars. Each car, holding 75 tons, is equipped with its own refrigeration unit and maintains a temperature of 35 degrees while in transit, keeping the fruit at its peak condition. Twenty carloads are to be received from Hendersonville, N. C. Plans are to

import apples from the orchards of Michigan, Washington and Idaho.

Skyland Food processes the apples into apple juice, peeled for slice pack, applesauce and apple-pie filling.

Skyland Food is a good customer of the Rio Grande Railroad and the railroad is pleased to be a part of this operation.

## Looooooooong Storage Tanks Move by Rio Grande



What do you do with four long tanks? Give them lots of room.

The width of the page hardly does justice to the four tanks received at Pueblo from the Colorado & Southern on October 3. The tanks originated at Wichita Falls, Texas from the Mid States Pipe and Steel Company's

plant and were destined to the Rocky Mountain Gas Co. at Glenwood Springs for gas storage.

Each storage tank, 110 feet long and 10 feet in diameter, was loaded on two 60-foot flat cars making them articulated units. The tanks arrived at Glenwood Springs without incident.



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